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In re Application of:)	
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CONTROL METHOD	:	
THEREFOR, AND STORAGE)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 6,563,596

JP 2000-052605

JP 2001-088374

A copy of each of the above-listed Japanese documents, together with its English-language abstract, is attached. In addition, a partial English translation of JP 2000-052605 is attached. A copy of the U.S. document is not attached, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

The Japanese documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the subject U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached.

U.S. Patent No. 6,563,596 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of JP 2000-052605.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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